Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A device for lengthening bones ~~(5)~~ or bone parts, ~~comprises~~ comprising at least two elements ~~which can be moved~~ having holes formed therein, the elements are movable relative to one another, a bone segment having a hole formed therein, and including at least one locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ axially movable in or along a guide element ~~(1)~~ by means of at least one drive unit ~~(2)~~, wherein the drive unit ~~(2)~~ is formed by a motor element ~~(10)~~, with downstream gear unit ~~(11)~~ and control unit ~~(12)~~, and by a spindle element ~~(13)~~ adjoining the motor element ~~(10)~~ or adjoining the gear unit ~~(11)~~, wherein the at least one locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ sits on the spindle element ~~(13)~~; and wherein the spindle element ~~(13)~~ comprises a threaded rod which passes through the at least one ~~lock~~ locking element and engages with the at least one locking element such that the locking element is movable on the threaded rod, the guide element is secured in the holes of the two elements and bone segment, the locking element is inserted into the bone segment and engages a guide slot in the guide element, and the threaded rod is inserted in the guide element and through locking element to allow travel of the locking elements along the length of the threaded rod in opposite directions.

16-17 (canceled).

18. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 15 or 30, wherein the guide element ~~(1)~~ has an elongate, continuous guide slot ~~(6)~~.

19. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 15 or 30, wherein the guide element ~~(1)~~ comprises, at each end, radial through-openings ~~(4.1, 4.2)~~ for the passage and engagement of securing elements for fixing the guide element ~~(1)~~ in a bone ~~(5)~~ or bone parts.

20. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 15 or 30, wherein the guide element ~~(1)~~ comprises, at one end, a receiving opening ~~(9)~~ for the reception and engagement of a drive unit ~~(2)~~.

21-22 (canceled).

23. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 15 or 30, wherein the drive unit radial turns the spindle element ~~(13)~~ or threaded rod, wherein the locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ inserted into the guide slot ~~(6)~~ is moved axially to and fro along the guide element ~~(1)~~.

24. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ comprises a rectangular or round cross section and engages at least partially over an outside of the guide slot ~~(6)~~ of the guide element ~~(1)~~.

25. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 15 or 30, wherein the bone segment ~~(15)~~, can be moved via the locking element ~~(14)~~ by means of the spindle element ~~(13)~~ being driven

by the drive unit, wherein a separating site ~~(16)~~ is formed between a bone part and a bone segment ~~(15)~~.

26. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ engages in the bone segment ~~(15)~~.

27. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the drive unit ~~(2)~~ is pushed axially into the receiving opening ~~(9)~~, and a motor element ~~(10)~~ is fitted against rotation in the guide element ~~(1)~~ in the area of the receiving opening ~~(9)~~.

28. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 27, wherein at one end of the guide element ~~(1)~~, there is a recess ~~(7)~~ for bearing a spindle element ~~(13)~~.

29. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 28, wherein two locking elements ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ sit on the spindle element ~~(13)~~ and, upon actuation of the motor element ~~(10)~~, are driven toward or away from one another in a guide slot ~~(6)~~ of the guide element ~~(1)~~.

30. (currently amended) A device for lengthening bones ~~(5)~~ or bone parts, comprises at least two elements which can be moved relative to one another, and including at least one locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ axially movable in or along a guide element ~~(1)~~, means for moving the at least one locking element ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ in or along the guide element ~~(1)~~, wherein the guide element ~~(1)~~ comprises, at one end, a receiving opening ~~(9)~~ for the reception and engagement of a drive unit ~~(2)~~, wherein the drive unit ~~(2)~~ is pushed axially into the receiving opening ~~(9)~~,

and a motor element ~~(10)~~ is fitted against rotation in the guide element ~~(1)~~ in the area of the receiving opening ~~(9)~~, wherein at one end of the guide element ~~(1)~~, there is a recess ~~(7)~~ for bearing a spindle element ~~(13)~~, and wherein two locking elements ~~(14.1, 14.2)~~ sit on the spindle element ~~(13)~~ and, upon actuation of the motor element ~~(10)~~, are driven ~~toward or away~~ in opposite directions from one another in a guide slot ~~(6)~~ of the guide element ~~(1)~~.